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¶1. (SBU) Political Counselor discussed reftel points December 21 with Ambassador Gabor Horvath, Deputy Director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Security Policy and Non-Proliferation Department. Horvath stated the MFA "totally supported -- full stop" the concept of increased civilian deployment and concluding an agreement. He noted, however, that the Ministry of Defense hoped to clarify several issues in the draft memorandum relating to force protection requirements, e.g., how often U.S. personnel expected to move off base.

¶2. (SBU) Lieutenant Colonel Laszlo Bagi, Chief of the Ministry of Defense's Peacekeeping Operations Department, separately stated that the MoD would provide its comments on the force protection issue back to MFA within the next several days. Bagi assured us that the MoD wanted to work closely with us to resolve any questions.

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